

HOUSE BILL 1550

By Terry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-7-105, relative to autopsies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-7-105, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), all autopsies must be performed at a facility accredited by the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME). An accredited facility must maintain accreditation and operate pursuant to NAME guidelines.

(b) Autopsies may be performed at a non-accredited facility if:

(1) The facility receives provisional accreditation from NAME within two

(2) years of beginning operations;

(2) The facility receives full accreditation from NAME within three (3) years of beginning operations; and

(3) The facility operates pursuant to NAME guidelines.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.